

LIGHTNING IN THE HOUSE

Scatters Bricks on the Floor,
but Family Escape.

MILITARY ENTERTAINMENT

Prize to the Best Drilled Soldier and
the Prettiest Girl—Shifting Trains a
Menace to Safety of the
Citizens.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 4.—During a very severe thunder and rain-storm yesterday, the residence of Mr. J. H. Culhoun, on South Dick Street, was struck by lightning, which passed down the chimney, tearing away the bricks of the fireplace and scattering them, with the debris, over the roof. Mrs. Culhoun and child were sitting in the room, but neither was hurt, not even shocked.

The army of the Independent Light Infantry Battalion, corner of Hay and Maxwell Streets, was thronged with a very large gathering last evening. In the enjoyment of a composite and elaborate entertainment, beginning with lawn party on the campus of the army, followed by competitive drill of picked men from Company A, of the battalion.

The prize to the prettiest girl was won by Miss Maggie Belle McDonald, and was graciously presented by Mr. E. G. Davis, a bright young lawyer of the Fayetteville Bar.

After a delightful recitation by Miss Essie Murphy, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, with the music by Remsburg's orchestra.

The Municipal Railroad Committee met in the City Hall yesterday afternoon to hear both sides in the matter of shifting trains over the crossings of Hay Street. The matter was discussed long and earnestly, and the committee decided to recommend to the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company be required to cease said shifting of trains as a serious menace to the safety of the public.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.
The Cumberland County Institute for white teachers began yesterday, to continue two weeks, opening with an address from Professor Moore, of Raleigh, his subject being "The Best Method of Inducing a Full Attendance at the Public Schools."

Yesterday the directors of the Fayetteville State Colored Normal School—Mr. H. L. Cook, chairman; Dr. H. W. Lilly, Captain D. H. May and Mr. Q. K. Nimocks, Fayetteville; Mr. R. Devane, Red Springs, and Professor L. C. Bragden, Kinston—elected the present efficient superintendent, Professor E. E. Smith, feeling that the remainder of the faculty, only after a rigid examination, conducted by Professor Bragden, who is a member of the board.

DEATHS THAT CAME LIKE LIGHTNING STROKES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREENSBORO, N. C., August 4.—Mrs. Mary Brame, while talking to friends on her front porch to-day, fell dead from heart disease.

Jefferson Wharton, driver for a grocery firm here, was run over by a Southern Railway train to-day and instantly killed, his skull being completely crushed.

NINETY THOUSAND FOR GOOD STREETS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALISBURY, N. C., Aug. 4.—The bond election held in this city to-day was carried by a majority of 75 votes; the amount thus appropriated for street improvements is \$90,000.

The city is jubilant over the victory and the prospects of good streets.

Kinston Tobacco Market.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
KINSTON, N. C., August 4.—Kinston tobacco market opened with a quietness on the warehouse floors yesterday—only \$20,000 pounds; not even half of what was sold at the opening last year.

Prices were not so good and the warehousemen advised farmers to hold their tobacco later for better prices.

Corey—Breedlove.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREENSBORO, N. C., Aug. 4.—At Guilford Hotel here today, Wm. A. Corey and Miss Nora L. Breedlove, of Danville, Va., were married at 1 o'clock for a bride trip to Asheville.

A Jail Delivery.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TARBORO, N. C., August 4.—Six prisoners broke jail here last night. They had been furnished with an axe and crowbar on an excursion to Norfolk, so they had ample time to escape at their leisure.

WINTER RESORT
Ice Palace to Be Built at West Point this Fall.

With the summer season scarcely half over, the management of Beach Park are already looking forward to improvements for next season.

Plans are on foot for the construction of a "chute the chute," a "loop the loop" and a Ferris wheel of enormous proportions.

In addition to this, West Point will be made an attractive winter resort, and a place of rest for business and other people in cool and wintry weather. An ice palace will be erected, and all sorts of attractions will be placed to make West Point a typical winter resort.

Will Run for House.
Hon. Carter H. Harrison, of Powhatan, former member of the House of Delegates, made the following statement declining to enter the race for the Senate when in the city yesterday:

"It has been suggested that I might be a candidate for the Senate, but while I am deeply grateful to my friends of the Sixteenth District, who have urged me to run, I feel that having made the fight for the House again having met with so many warm assurances of support, I deem it best to make no change in my determination to stand for the House."

Grounds and Buildings.
The Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings will hold a regular session to-morrow night. A large amount of business is to be transacted, a full attendance of members is desired.

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ON HAND CASES WITH BEST QUALITY

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Broad St.

ACCOUNTS SHORT;
CASHIER MISSING

The Farmers' and Merchants'
Bank of Newbern Forced
Into Liquidation.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWBERN, N. C., August 4.—On account of a shortage in the accounts of T. W. Dewey, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of this city, the bank has been compelled to go into liquidation. The amount of the shortage is large, but the exact amount has not yet been ascertained. There will be no trouble about paying all depositors and creditors in full.

Dewey, the cashier, left this city last Saturday night, stating that he would return either Monday night or Tuesday morning. He has not returned and it is not known where he is.

Mr. J. O. Ellington, the State bank examiner, is here to look after the interests of all parties interested.

The bank offers a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and return to this city of T. W. Dewey, the cashier.

Mainly About People

Mrs. B. A. Blenner has returned from Williamsport, Pa., where he was called to attend the funeral of his mother, wife of the late Rev. John S. Blenner, formerly of this city.

Mrs. E. M. Perkins, Miss Hamner Perkins, Miss Juliet, and Miss Mary Perkins, all of this city, have returned from a visit to the Virginia Beach after a delightful trip.

Mr. J. E. Allen and wife are at Fairbourne Cottage, Virginia Beach, after a delightful trip.

Miss Emma J. Unser has left for New York and Atlantic City, where she will join the party of her brother, Mr. Frank Unser, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Will Corbett and Mrs. Albert Young, of Toronto, Canada, who have been visiting Mr. John Steinbrecher, No. 615 East Broad Street, have returned home with many pleasant memories and a visit to her home in this city.

Mr. Otis Promoted.
(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA., August 4.—Robert D. Otis, formerly traveling agent of the Richmond and Ohio Railway, has been appointed, effective August 1st, to the position of commercial agent of the same connection, has its own line via Lynchburg and Danville, and is also preparing to lay double tracks because its business demands it. Improvements on railroads are a direct measure of prosperity. The roads must keep pace with progress, which in the South at present is going forward so fast that the expenditure of millions for improved road-beds and equipment is a necessity.

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The South is a great section, and is becoming greater every month.—Baltimore Herald.

TRIP TO DUTCH GAP

The Committee Considers the
Straightening of Channel

SPENT PLEASANT EVENING

Body Has Trouble in Securing Quorum,
but Mr. Bloomberg Finally Comes,
and Business Session is Held.
Work to Begin Soon.

The Committee on the Improvement of James River held a meeting on board the tug Thomas Cunningham, Sr., yesterday afternoon, and then made a trip down the river to Dutch Gap. The committee had trouble getting a quorum, and therefore the tug laid at the wharf longer after 3:30 o'clock, the hour fixed for beginning the run. Finally President Bloomberg came down and sat with the body in a business meeting to make a quorum, but did not make the trip down

the river, owing to having an important engagement in the city.

The committee approved of the monthly pay roll and bills, and extended the dredging contract for thirty days, owing to delay in securing materials on account of recent floods. The remainder of the evening was devoted to pleasure and to informally discussing the proposition of straightening the channel at Dutch Gap.

CITY TO PURCHASE.
It will be recalled that the city has recently purchased from Captain G. Watt Taylor three and one-half acres of land on the left of the Gap going down, and will shortly code it to the United States government, the latter having agreed to straighten the channel. The move is in the interest of better navigation, and will enable vessels approaching an opposite direction to sight each other at a distance, and thus avoid danger of collision. It is expected that the work will be

summed the long trip and chance of water did not agree with Uncle Buck.

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Miss Stoddert is one of the social belles of Winchester. She is a daughter of a well-known business man of Kansas City, whom she met several months ago while on a visit to her home in this city. The wedding will take place in the near future.

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The meeting will continue until Sunday, August 8th, when the dedication of the new auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 4,000 people, appropriate ceremonies were held.

The speakers were Rev. S. S. Swallow, of Pennsylvania, and Rev. L. A. Cutler, of Louisiana, Va.

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AN INDIAN CLAIM

Judge Adams, of Indian Court of Claims,
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GREEN BAY, N. Y., August 4.—Judge Adams, of the commission to examine and decide upon all claims of Indians

who claim to be members of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of red men, arrived here yesterday evening and held court here to-day.

Evidence was heard in the case of Martha Arnold, who is claiming her share in a full-blooded Choctaw, raised in the State of Mississippi, and brought to Georgia by a young trader, she claims, and left in the family of Mr. Arnold. She has several children and grandchildren—in whole numbers amount to about fifteen—which, if she can establish the fact that she is a full-blooded Choctaw, will each receive about \$5,000, besides 255 acres of land apiece, which will be allotted the members of the tribes soon.

Mr. Melvin Cornish, of South McAlester, Indian Territory, is here representing the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of Indians, assisted by Hon. G. S. Wing, of this place, and Mr. A. Armstrong, of Farmville.

They claim that this woman is not a full-blooded Indian, but that she was born and raised in Prince Edward county, owned by John Arch Scott and sold by him to Joe Farmer, who was a slave-trader, and taken to Georgia, along with several others, numbering twenty-five or thirty, and sold to different parties in the State of Georgia. Among the number was an old man by the name of "Buck," who was carried to Georgia and sold to James Arnold, brother of Washington Arnold.

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IN GREENSVILLE

Merchant Who Refused to
Kill Officer Who Came to
Arrest Him.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TRUITT, VA., August 4.—Charles Abernathy, a merchant, living near Out Bank Bridge, shot and seriously wounded his brother's son just across the river, Saturday morning. Owing to the remote locality where the shooting occurred the particulars cannot be had at this time.

It seems, though, that Abernathy's story had been entered and goods to the amount of several dollars carried off and he, in trying to trace the parties, followed two tracks along the public road for several miles until he overtook his nephew and another lad, whose name could not be learned. What passed then is not known, but young Abernathy was found shot and lying on the ground.

A warrant was sworn out for the older Abernathy's arrest, but he refused to be arrested, telling the officer he would kill the man who attempted to do so, whereupon the latter went for assistance and will take him dead or alive.

FARM BUILDING BURNED

Eddie Carter Taken to the Asylum—A
Merry Outing Party.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORWOOD, NELSON CO., VA., Aug. 4.—A large tobacco house and stable of Mr. Tom Kidd's was struck by lightning last Wednesday night and totally destroyed. He had just finished putting in his crop of hay on Tuesday—\$250 worth. Fortunately his three head of horses were left in the pasture that evening. By hard work the farm wagon and a lot of harness were saved, many farm implements, which had been left in the house, were all destroyed.

Mr. Eddie Carter, who has been confined in jail since the killing of his sister three weeks ago, was taken to Staunton, where he was admitted to the asylum.

Mrs. H. A. Perkins and little son, Misses Mary Roberts and Nannie Gaines, all of Richmond, are spending the summer in the Blue Ridge Mountains. They took along an extra wagon of eatables.

Mr. Jimmie Dolen left here on last Thursday for Narrows, Va., to engage in railroad business.

Mrs. Pinky Bolton, of Roanoke, is making a two weeks' visit to relatives here.

Mr. Walker Heath, of Scottsville, is visiting here.

Mr. Charlie Haynes, of Richmond, arrived here Saturday for a few days.

Mr. Sam McDaniel, of Lynchburg, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Joe Kidd. During his stay here he and his brother have caught some fine fish.

Miss Lizzie Fields is visiting relatives in Buckingham.

A large number of merry boys and girls left here to-day at 12 o'clock in two-horse wagons for several days of pleasure at Crab Tree Falls at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. They took along an extra wagon of eatables.

Maxie—Thomas.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLIFTON FORGE, VA., August 4.—Mr. E. Maxie, of Arvonia, and Miss Grace Thomas, of Arvonia, were married at 6 o'clock this morning. Rev. Chapman, pastor of the Baptist Church, Covington, officiated.

They left for Washington, Richmond, Newport News and Norfolk and will reside in Arvonia.

Quinn—Shirley.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLIFTON FORGE, VA., August 4.—Charles G. Quinn, formerly ticket agent for the Chesapeake and Ohio here, and Miss Anna Shirley, of Waynesboro, Va., were married in Washington, D. C., to-day. They will reside in Staunton, where Mr. Quinn is agent for the com-

BAPTISTS IN CONFERENCE

Middle District Association in
Manchester.

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

Police Board Recommends More Officers—Work Mapped Out by the
City Democratic Committee.
Personal and News.

Manchester Bureau Times-Dispatch.)
No. 1102 Hull Street, represented at the meeting of the Middle District Association at Bainbridge Street Church yesterday when the session was called together at 10 o'clock. There are only twenty-eight churches in the district, and the other seven will be represented to-day.

The session is one of the most successful in the history of the association, and besides the members there were at the meeting yesterday a number of visiting divines and other religious leaders. Among them were the Rev. R. H. Pitt, Mr. William Elyson, Dr. Ryland, Mr. J. Taylor Elyson, Dr. Harrison, Rev. Mr. Baylor, of Baltimore; Rev. Mr. Rice, of Alabama; Dr. Willingham and others.

The early hours of the session were devoted to organization, reports of committees and election of officers.

Rev. D. John R. Bagby, of Powhatan, was chosen moderator, and Mr. J. H. Hobson, was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Most of the visitors made brief remarks on subjects of interest to the Baptists. The address of welcome was made by Dr. P. Matthews and the response was made by Rev. A. E. Felch, of Bethlehem Church, Chesterfield county.

In the afternoon the speakers were Rev. Dr. Pitt, William Elyson, Rev. Dr. Ryland, Dr. J. H. Hobson, Dr. Ryland, Rev. A. E. Felch, Dr. John R. Bagby, and Rev. St. G. Abner, of Skinsquarter, and Rev. Dr. Whitsett spoke last night on "General Education."

The sessions will be resumed this morning, and the conference will close to-morrow night.

The Ladies' Missionary Society will meet at 10 o'clock this morning, and 3:30 this afternoon in the basement, presided over by Miss F. E. Rudd, the superintendent.

MORE POLICEMEN.
At the meeting of the Police Board last night a resolution was submitted recommending an increase in the number of the force to 25 men. This resolution was presented to the Common Council at the meeting next Tuesday night, and there appears to be little opposition against it.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS.
A general routine line of work was transacted by the Board of Fire Commissioners last night. Nothing of special importance was done.

The Council Committee on Almshouses met at the office of the superintendent last night and did routine work.

At the meeting of Council next Tuesday night the question of appropriating \$25,000 for the construction of a new house for the superintendent of Maury Cemetery will be considered, with the probability of its passage.

POLITICAL SITUATION.
No more candidates have announced themselves for the mayoralty. Up to date Cordellman, H. W. Sampson and Mr. D. L. Toney's friends are after him to stand for re-election to the Legislature, and he has the question under consideration.

At the meeting of the City Committee last night Robert French spoke earnestly on the importance of every Democratic voter placing his name upon the registration books, which will be opened on August 26th.

The primary election for legislative candidates will be held on the 26th, and all candidates must give notice in writing thirty days before that date.

Primary elections will be held in Chesterfield, Powhatan and Gloucester.

OLYMPIA CLUB.
The Olympia Club tents at Ocean View are ready to start for the season. Mr. and Mrs. Aprie Bailey, Messrs. Eramet Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Baber, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Tom Burke. Other members of the club and their families will visit the view later on.

ELITE PLEASURE CLUB.
This newly organized club with rooms in the new building, will in short time hold a public meeting, at which all candidates for mayor will be invited to appear. The president of the club is "The City As It Is," and his opponents on "The City As It Should Be."

The election of officers for this club resulted in the following: President, W. V. Lumpkin; vice-president, H. V. Hart; secretary, Royall Fendley; treasurer, C. A. Tucker.

FUNERAL OF MR. ROBINSON.
The funeral of Mr. Holland Robinson will take place from his home on Seventh Street at 11 o'clock this morning.

PERSONAL NOTES.
Miss Lizzie Sampson and Miss Dollie Hines, visiting in Caroline county for the summer.